

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the invention entitled "Water heater With Continuously Variable Air and Fuel Input" described and claimed in the attached specification of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/753,209 filed January 2, 2001. I am making this Declaration on behalf of myself and on behalf of any non-signing joint inventor identified below per 37 CFR §1.47(a).

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, in the above-referenced application, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the Declaration.

I acknowledge my duty pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the patentability of this application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

None.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

1. Title of Prior Application: Water Heater With
Continuously Variable Air and Fuel Input

Application Serial No. 60/175,340

Filing Date of Prior Application: January 10, 2000

2. Title of Prior Application: Water Heater With
Continuously Variable Air and Fuel Input

Application Serial No. 09/497,573 (subsequently converted to
provisional No. _____)

Filing Date of Prior Application: February 3, 2000

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code

and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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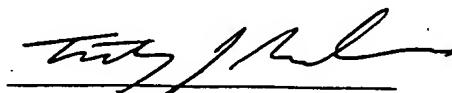
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Baese, et al.
Serial No.: 09/753,209
Filed: January 2, 2001
For: Water Heater With Continuously Variable Air and Fuel
Input
Attorney's Docket No. N-5714
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NOTICE OF JOINDER BY NON-SIGNING INVENTOR

To the Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This application has been proceeding under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) because one of the inventors, Mr. Mohsen Sarfehjoo, had originally refused to cooperate.

Mr. Sarfehjoo has now joined in the application, and enclosed is an original DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY signed by Mr. Sarfehjoo.

Respectfully submitted,

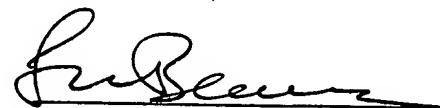


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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the foregoing NOTICE OF JOINDER BY NON-SIGNING INVENTOR has been mailed via first class mail on the date noted below to:
Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

Jan. 30, 2002
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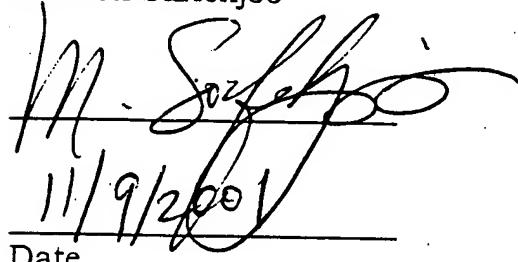
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